



ST. MARK'S ACADEMIC AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

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ST. MARK'S ACADEMIC AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL was founded in 1892 by Bishop Williams and Rev. J. A. Van House. It has the support of the Episcopal denomination. There were 7 teachers and 266 students in 1908. The approximate amount required for annual expenses is \$3,400, secured from tuitions, and Board of Missions, and subscriptions.

The aim of this school is to bring Christian education within the reach of the children of the church and all others who may be committed to its care; to surround them with all that tends to the upbuilding and dignifying of character; to furnish their minds with sound learning; to so train them in domestic branches of life that they may be useful men and women.

This school owes its origin to the generous gifts of friends in the North and East, who have cheerfully responded to the appeals of the bishop by assisting in raising the money necessary for maintaining this work, and the earnest efforts of the clergy of the church in Birmingham.

In 1892 the school was first opened in a small room on a side street. Eight pupils were in attendance under a competent teacher. Since that time until the present date, the work has steadily advanced. The small, dilapidated structure in which the school had its humble beginning has been supplanted by a large and commodious four-story brick building, situated on a lot 140 x 150 feet.

The school is supported by tuition fees, a small appropriation from the Board of Missions and the diocese, but chiefly through individual gifts from friends who are interested in the work.

The appropriations from the Board of Missions and the diocese, together with tuition receipts, cover about one half of the entire amount necessary for the maintenance of the school. Contributions are earnestly solicited to meet the deficit.

Scholarships of sixty dollars each are needed to assist worthy girls who, though unable to pay their way through school, will gladly work out the amount of a scholarship.

Friends and patrons of the school are earnestly requested to visit the school at any time and see the work that is being done.

The courses of study are primary, intermediate, academic, and industrial. The latter department includes cooking, sewing, and vocal and piano lessons in music.